



Yorba Linda Water District

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June 30, 2020

Honorable Sat Tamaribuchi, President
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Via E-Mail

Dear President Tamaribuchi:

On July 1, 2020, the Board of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) will be meeting to discuss whether to appoint a replacement for Director Brett R. Barbre or simply allow the voters in Division 1 to select the new Director via election in November 2020 (**Agenda Item 1**).

Division 1 of MWDOC has approximately 173,000 voters and a population of almost 330,000 residents. At the Yorba Linda Water District, we believe it is unfair for the current MWDOC Board to place their thumb on the scale and appoint someone to the Board who will run this November as the "Appointed Director" of Division 1. Our community prefers to allow the voters to make these decisions, not a Board who does not know or understand our community.

Director Barbre resigned in ample time for the position to be filled via election so no other action is required. As you well know, Director Barbre was elected by the voters in 2000 in a competitive and open election and we believe his replacement should be selected in the same manner. An election will be held regardless of your actions so budgetary considerations are inconsequential. In addition, I note that in your approved budget, you have deleted the stipends for a Division 1 Director for the first six months of FY 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 714-920-0738 or via email at phawkins@ylwd.com.

Sincerely,

Phillip D. Hawkins, President
Yorba Linda Water District

cc: MWDOC Board of Directors
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